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Hongkong, January 2, 1912.

RIOTS IN ANHUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

During the progress of the Revolution, what happened in Canton also took place in the capital of Anhui Province. The soldiers cleared out the idols, and other accessories of heathen worship, from the temple of the City god. During the month of January of this year some attempts were made, by those interested in the revenues of the temple, to reinstate the old regime, and again fix idols on their pedestals. Meanwhile, during the intervening year, the building has been used for educational purposes. The first appearance of difference of opinion was seen between the leaders of the old and new regimes; soon the matter got out of their hands, and there were strong parties on both sides; but those who favoured the reinstatement of the idols were the more numerous, but also, and naturally, the more ignorant. The question was becoming one of grave danger to the peace of the city. Thereupon, the superintendent of the police, who had been standing by watching the progress of events and public feeling all this time, intervened. He marched a company of soldiers to the temple in question, and scattered or tried to scatter those who delighted in a war-of words. But these people were not so eager to disperse. Thereupon he ordered the troops to fire a volley over the heads of the people, which frightened them so that they fled in all directions. The matter, however, did not end here. The section of the people who believed in idols, tried to induce the business people to shut up their shops as a protest against the police for shooting. In this, however, there was but partial success, inasmuch as many of the shopkeepers did not sympathize with the idols, neither did they believe in them. Moreover, the movement was not well organized. Ultimately things quieted down, and what at one time threatened to be a very serious disturbance, was quelled without any loss of life, or any great and serious opposition. The superintendent of the police then issued an edict in which he roundly rated both the idols, and those interested in them, and threatened all sorts of penalties on those who dared to interfere with the trend of events, one object of which was to cast forth the idols, and turn the temples into useful buildings, which might help the state.

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T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 4, 1913.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to notified the
public that he has this day leased the
business of the 'CHINESE MAIL'
(Wah Tai Yat Po) and that he accepts
no responsibility for any liabilities of the
former lessee.

CHAN UN MAN.

Hongkong, February 1, 1913.

NOTICE.

THE SHANGHAI LIFE INSURANCE
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AS MR. WONG PO CHUN is retiring
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Hongkong, February 1, 1913.

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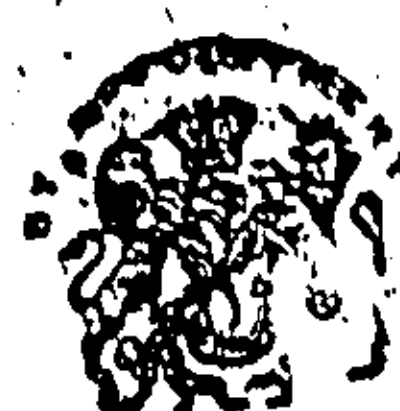
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PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),
on

WEDNESDAY,
the 12th February, 1913, at 3 p.m., on
the Spot,—

The Several Lots Numbered 4 to 15 on
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Hongkong, February 6, 1913. 177

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Glass and Crockery Ware, Cutlery, etc.,
Also
A few pieces of Canton Blackwood Ware
and 1 Grand Piano.
On View from Wednesday, the 12th Feb.
Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, February 5, 1913. 178

AUCTIONS

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND Conditions of the Sale.
Lotting by Public Auction Sale, to be
held on **MONDAY,** the 10th day of Feb.,
1913, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public
Works Department, by Order of His Ex-
cellency the Governor, of Two Lots of
CROWN LAND near Ship Street and
Kenny Road, in the Colony of
Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, com-
mencing from 18th September, 1899, and
10th February, 1913 respectively, with the
option of renewal at Crown Rates to be
fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the
King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lots.

No. of Lots	Locality	Boundary Measure- ments	Area in S. A. S. P. V.	Area in S. A. S. P. V.	Area in S. A. S. P. V.	Area in S. A. S. P. V.	Area in S. A. S. P. V.	Area in S. A. S. P. V.	Area in S. A. S. P. V.
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3	Lot 3	70 ft. by 70 ft.	4,900	69	1,400				
4	Lot 4	70 ft. by 70 ft.	4,900	69	1,400				
5	Lot 5	70 ft. by 70 ft.	4,900	69	1,400				
6	Lot 6	70 ft. by 70 ft.	4,900	69	1,400				
7	Lot 7	70 ft. by 70 ft.	4,900	69	1,400				
8	Lot 8	70 ft. by 70 ft.	4,900	69	1,400				
9	Lot 9	70 ft. by 70 ft.	4,900	69	1,400				
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FOOTBALL RIOT.

Exciting Scenes at Match in Paris.

A disgraceful scene occurred at the
close of the Rugby football match be-
tween France and Scotland in Paris on
New Year's Day. After the whistle had
sounded for the cessation of play an at-
tack was made on Mr. J. Baxter, referee,
who had to be protected by a squad of
cuirassiers. The reason for the hostility
of the mob was that there was an error-
neous impression that the referee had given
partial decisions.

The greatest failing in French football
for years, writes the correspondent of a
London evening paper, has been the slack-
ness of their referees, while British re-
ferees have not apt to be lenient. In this
game, J. W. Baxter was strict almost to
punctiliousness, but he was extremely
fair and impartial. It was not that the
French play so foul or unfairly that so
many penalties were given against them.
But they were brought up sharp for the
minor infringements, while the case of
holding and obstructing which undoubtedly
did occur were instantly penalised. This
irritated the crowd, who cheerfully
advised doses of "coups de poing" for
the referee some time before the end of
the game.

THE CLIMAX.

They were worked up to a tremendous
pitch of excitement, and to make mat-
ters a good deal worse, the French men
lost a certain try in the last five minutes
of the game owing to a knock-out of a
most obvious nature. With a bare ten
yards to go and plenty of room to work
in, Sentilles knocked-on when his way to
the line was clear and he had Jauréguy,
unmarked, on his right. That was the
climax.

Immediately the final whistle was
heard a number of the crowd on the
popping side broke loose, and rushed
across towards the referee. There was
no mistaking their purpose. Fortunately,
a few cuirassiers who had been stationed
behind the dead-ball line were on the
alert. These countered across and cut off
part of the mob, sending one of them
the right kind of purer into the bargain
and did their best to keep the others away
from the hapless judge of fair play.

A FORTUNATE ESCAPE.

But all the king's horses and all the
king's men could not have prevented
blows being struck, and it is no exaggera-
tion to say that Mr. Baxter was fortunate
to escape so lightly.

It was not pleasant while leaving the
ground to hear a Frenchman who was
discussing the assault and up with de-
cisive: "It's 'lauréat' tu," when his
friend, thirsting for information, asked
what would have happened but for the
cuirassiers.

What official action will be taken re-
mains to be seen. It is plain that things
cannot rest where they are. Neither
players nor referees are in the least likely
to show any anxiety to cross the Channel
and have to put up with this sort of
thing. No British referee will be brow-
beaten by a foreign crowd, so apparently,
unless he allows their demeanour to in-
fluence his decisions in favour of France
the only alternative in future is to run
the gamut at the end of the game.

THE PLAY.

As to the game itself, the improve-
ment shown by the Frenchmen continues
to be most marked. They had ever so
much more of the game than the score
shows, and it is not an exaggeration to
say that except in finish and inability to
make the most of an opponent's mistake,
they were just as good as the Scotsmen.
In tight scrummaging and heeling they
were nearly always superior, and the
majority of the passing advances of any
quality behind the scrum were French.

Gordon was a great success at centre,
and will go far if he is able to play much
in the future. He made the best im-
pression of all.

I am glad to be able to state that the
referee escaped serious injury, the blow
with a stick which he received on the
head (he was bareheaded) having fortu-
nately spent its force.

The Paris newspapers, referring to the
scene, while admitting that the referee



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dispensable to sound and
beautiful teeth.

was open to criticism, expresses regret at
the hostile demonstration which may,
they say, leave a bad impression on the
guests of France. The Figaro recognises
the referee's impartiality, but the Auto
says "his bad faith was perfect."
The incidents at the Velodrome did
not detract in any way from the frank
cordiality of the banquet over which
Senator Raymond presided in the even-
ing and which was attended by the play-
ers and officials of both sides. After the
secretary of the Rugby Union and the
captain of the French team had spoken,
Mr. Baxter, the referee, said that he
should forget the unfortunate incident,
and only recall the warm welcome which
he received from the French officials.
He especially thanked the noted French
players, Fallot and Moniot who pro-
tected him from the crowd.
The receipts from the match amounted
to 41,000 francs, and constitute a record
in France.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs
on the 1st February, 1913:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS

1912.	1913.
City Reservoir	42 ft. 7 in. below overflow
City Reservoir	42 ft. 0 in. below overflow
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City Reservoir	19 ft. 3 in. below overflow
City Reservoir	14 ft. 6 in. below overflow
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Consumption of water in the City
and Hill District during the month of
January, 1913

1912.	1913.
Consumption	327.44
Estimated population	124,000
Consumption per head	15.3
Intermittent supply by Rider Mains in Rider Main districts during January 1913. Services to houses in Rider Main Districts disconnected from Mains and supply given by public fountains only during January 1913.	

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.
1912. 1913.
Kowloon Reservoir, 4 ft. 3 in. below overflow
Kowloon Reservoir, 15 ft. 1 in. below overflow

Consumption of water in Kowloon
during the month of January 1913.

1912.	1913.
Consumption	24.5
Estimated population	60,500
Consumption per head	9.1

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W. CHATMAN,
Water Authority.

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tism, Gout, &c., should at once
realise that outward application, such
as lotions, ointments, so-called balms,
&c., though they may give relief for the
time being, DO NOT CURE. The
trouble lies deeper—in the blood. These
complaints are the result of clogging
impurities in the blood—and so can be
permanently cured only by thoroughly
purifying the blood.

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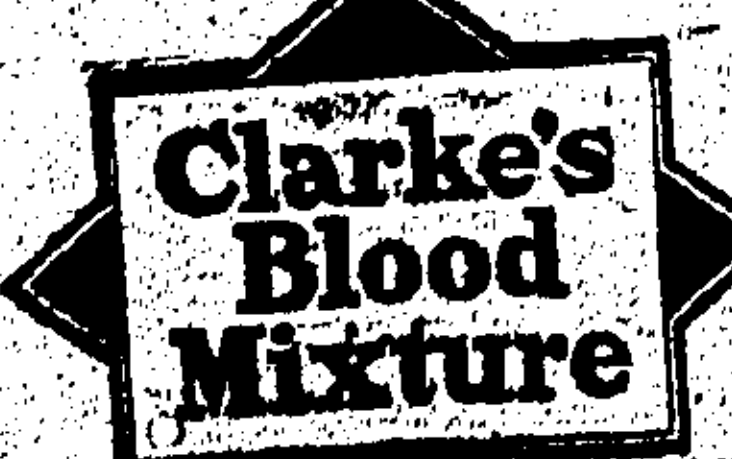
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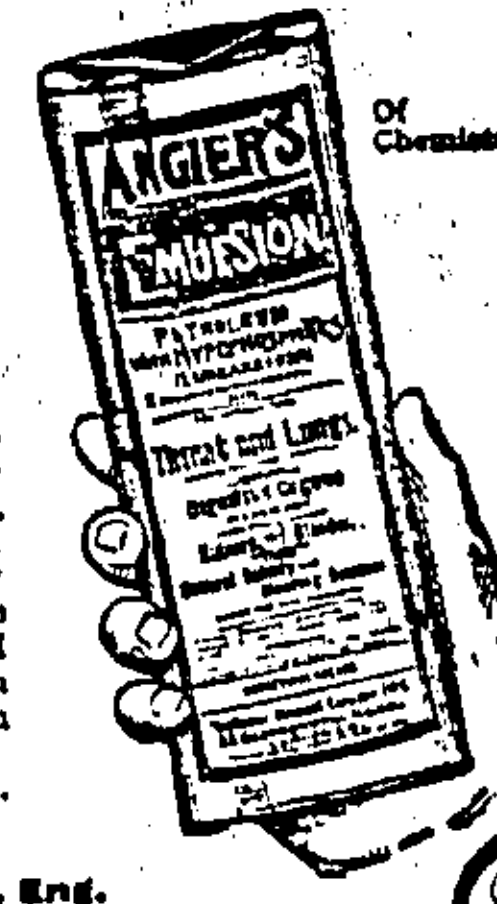
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Underground

engraved upon the collar of his tunic. He cast his eye upon the raging, tearing rainstorm that swept the deserted Strand with such bitter unmercifulness, shrugged his shoulders, and turned.

"I'm going back into the coal mine," said he. "Anyway, it's dry there—very dry!"

The illimitable possibilities of the Strand Station unfolded him—the absolute antithesis of a biscuit-throw of railway line whose system will carry you from here to everywhere in next to no time (so it says). A something rumbled far, far below, a bell tinkled, and the Shuttle vanished like some immortal pantomime character.

THE CLEANEST STATION IN LONDON.

The station entrance yawned hugely for patronage. A fascinating advertisement outside, with a lovely illuminated map to gaze upon, suggested all sorts of ways of escape from the lugubrious town. Anywhere—for tuppence or thereabouts! But nobody succumbed to the spell, for nobody seemed to believe it. Nobody believed that the Strand Station is real, somehow. It was built and burrowed, at the cost of many thousands of pounds, several years ago to be ready in time for the Coronation of our gracious King George V, to enable his faithful subjects to cross the Strand when the barriers were closed. It has never been used to any great extent since, but it is fully manned by the Shuttle (A.S.R.S.), a young man behind the ticket-grille, a girl, a boy, a brush, a dustpan, and a black kitten with a ginger-tinted tail. Thus, it is the neatest, the cleanest, and the most exclusive station in the metropolis. For the Shuttle with the map and the other domestic implements aforesaid, keeps it spotless, the young man behind the grille finds ample time between the excited rush of passengers to dust the tickets with a neat little feather brush, and the kitten (a recent importation and not on the salary list of the company) is in training for the rats.

Up and down, all day long, and at five-minute intervals, journeys the Shuttle. Toss away the time he sings melancholy ditties to keep up his pecker and the pecker of the ginger-tailed kitten. The mop and the pail and the dustpan are commandeered for orchestra, and so—somehow—the time passes.

IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE.

It is only on the occasion of high festival, such as Boxing Day and the centenary of the birth of George Stephenson, that the Strand Station blossoms forth

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into gay activity. And such a day was yesterday, when the even tenor of the way of the Staff was seriously disturbed by the advent of several passengers who, in a desperate condition of Boxing Day frivolity, actually sought adventure on this gnomish line.

Two young gentlemen, fresh from the country, after gazing long and curiously at the alluring map outside, entered bravely and asked for tickets to Knightsbridge. They seemed amazed when the young man behind the grille disappeared for a moment into a dark corner of his domain, and after carefully dusting two squares of yellow pasteboard with his leaden brush handed them to the gnomish attendant, defenders of our island.

They walked for several miles (more or less) down ghostly, echoing corridors, until at last the kitten found them, and led them, purring, to the steel cage inside which the Shuttle was singing softly. What happened afterwards nobody knows. Perhaps search parties will be out from Knightsbridge to-day seeking in the giddy maze of London for two strayed gnomes.

THE OLD, OLD STORY.

There followed a romance. A young couple entered the station. Their very new clothes, his silk hat, her priceless furs and shining high-heeled shoes, the lilies of the valley they both wore, and the spattering of confetti upon them, told the old, old story.

"Two first returns—as far as possible," said the gentleman, producing a gold piece.

The young man behind the grille, equal like all forceful characters, to any emergency, produced two more yellow tickets and handed out 9s. 8d. change.

"Which way?" said the gentleman.

"Follow the cat," somebody replied, and, like Dante and Beatrice, the sentimental couple plunged into the shades, alone and sublimely happy.

At the end of the corridor the Shuttle met them.

"How far does this train go?" said the gentleman.

"Holborn," was the sentimental reply—"and back."

And so they entered, with blissful innocence, upon the first great illusion. To their joy they found that the train was empty, and he squeezed her hand—"Daily News and Leader."

A young man from a sugar factory put up at a hotel in Soerabaya recently, says the Soerabaya Nieuwblad. He described himself in the visitors' book as a doctor. It happened that on the night of the 4th inst., a young lady, who was staying in the hotel with her father, felt unwell. The father asked the hotel manager for the address of a doctor and the latter took the pseudonym, who was found reading on the verandah of his room. The case was put to him, and he instantly indicated his willingness to attend to it. Questioning the lady and examining her he said that she was suffering from "lack of blood in the middle rib," and advised keeping her warm and quiet. He said he would call again the next day. But the following morning the "doctor" had disappeared. When a "real" doctor was called in, he laughed heartily at the diagnosis of his colleague and found that the lady was suffering from a slight indisposition.

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THE CAUSE OF SORE THROAT.

Both ordinary sore throat, and the grave disease of which it is a symptom are due to germs. These germs are minute atoms of plant life, which float in the air. As we inhale them, they lodge at the back of the throat, where they multiply with great rapidity.

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The launch of the latest addition to the British Fleet—H.M.S. New Zealand—the gift of a prosperous British Colony, again brings into prominence the question of the Fleet. Such a gift, given spontaneously, is in itself sufficient justification for the statement that the British Empire is becoming more of a reality as time passes, and that the Colonies—great States in themselves—are becoming more desirous—not only of being identified as an integral part of the British Empire, but as parts that are able and willing to assist in the burden of Empire. The British Empire has now got beyond the "pioneer" stage, and to-day it is more homogeneous than any Empire ever was in ancient or modern times; and one of the most pleasing aspects of this increasing homogeneity is the fact that the great Colonies of the Mother Land realise just as fully as she does the importance—the absolute necessity—of a great fleet to guard the universal interests of the Empire, to stand strong towards the maintenance of peace and to ward off, if unfortunately the necessity ever arises, the menace of envy. All nations have their place in the Sun; the only difference being that some nations set about seeking their place while others were in a somnolent state. What Britain has, can she be blamed for desiring to keep? Her possessions, even more than the possessions of other nations, were won at enormous cost of men and money; and the descendants of those heroic men who thus built up our great Empire would be false to the trust imposed upon them, faithless to their great heritage, were they not scrupulous in its maintenance. And, in these barbarous days, for while war is a possibility—(and it is still much more) "Barbarous" is almost as applicable to the present age as it was in the past. Therefore, let our Fleet be our great consideration; and all Britons, and, indeed, humane people of all nations, should rejoice that day by day it is becoming more powerful; becoming more an instrument fit to command universal peace—and that, not by the unaided efforts of the United Kingdom only, but also by the loyal and hearty support of her Daughter States that to-day form so important a part of the British Empire.

BIRTH.
CHANG.—On February 8th, at Micterton, Somersetshire, England, to Mr and Mrs R. H. A. CHANG, Jnr., a daughter.

DIED.
GRIMBLE.—On the 1st February, at Goodmayes, Essex, HERBERT GRIMBLE, aged 40 years.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.
Noon—Kowloon Land & Building Co.'s Meeting.

3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D. 8.15 p.m.—The Taming of the Shrew by Allan Wilkie Co., at Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.
TUESDAY, February 11:—

Noon—Meeting of the H.K. Canton & Macao Steamboat Co.

WEDNESDAY, February 12:—

Noon—Green Island Cement Co. Extraordinary General Meeting.

3 p.m.—Action of Sites for Booths and Matched at the Race Course.

MONDAY, February 17:—

5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral.

SATURDAY, February 22:—

Noon—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Half-yearly Meeting.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1913.

THE POWER OF THE BATTLESHIP.

TO-DAY, it is only too evident, that national safety lies in the strength of one's fleet and that more than ever it is necessary that both numerically and in regard to the latest equipment, fleets should be the first consideration of most states. The day of big battles on land appears to be past, and there is every probability that if such a catastrophe occurs between two great nations, most, if not all, of the fighting will take place on sea. Hence the interest that is being taken by so many European countries in the development of their respective fleets, to say nothing of the interest they take in the development of the fleet of their commercial rivals. It may be proper to deplore that it should be so, but it is also quite unprofitable. We have to look at facts as they exist—and the present is by no means the time to talk moonshine about reduction of armaments, to deplore the more or less bitter enmity existing among certain sections of certain nations, or to sigh for universal peace. A clear and comprehensive grasp of the situation as it actually exists is what is required. Having that in mind, all who bear the name of Britons must rejoice to see their powerful fleet growing in magnitude, for they know, what other nations appear to doubt, that the fleet of the British Empire is primarily intended for the maintenance of peace. Circumstances have compelled the British fleet to be much more powerful than all thoughtful Britons desire it to be; but these circumstances have been of such a nature that all recognise that it would probably have been disastrous to have adopted any other course than the course that has been adopted and will continue to be adopted so long as the circumstances alluded to exist. To the vast majority of Britons that will be accepted as the best and the wisest policy, no matter by which great State Party the details may have to be considered. Better still is the knowledge that day by day

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mr. A. Lamperski (of Melchers and Co.) is returning to the Colony by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

The Chinese who is charged with a series of robberies in Kowloon was again remanded at the Magistrate's this morning on the application of Sgt. Wills. The case is fixed for hearing on Tuesday afternoon.

At the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next at 5.30 p.m., the Bishop of Victoria will give a brief address on the recent Conference held in Canton under the leadership of Dr. J. R. Mort.

In a case in which a Chinese was charged with stealing plants from Blake Gardens, Mr. Melbourne asked the interpreter whether the plant could be used as medicine. The official caused some amusement by replying that the Chinese used everything for medicine. The defendant was fined fifty cents.

Inspector Cameron charged a Chinese before Mr. Hazland to-day with being in unlawful possession of two baskets of coal at Yaumati. The defendant said he was carrying the coal for Hop Kee. Inspector Cameron said that Hop Kee had refused to claim ownership of the coal, and added the Inspector, "I believe that Hop Kee is a bit of a coal thief too." The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 or go to goal for fourteen days.

MOTHERS SHOULD REMEMBER THIS.

WE wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria, and scarlet fever are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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It is highly probable that President Taft, following the examples set by Ulysses S. Grant, will make a tour of the world before settling down as a professor at Yale.

The Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes informs us that the cargo of silk shipped on board the s.s. Caledonien which left this port on the 31 Dec. 1912, was delivered in Lyons on the 4th instant.

The report appearing in a morning paper to the effect that Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Assistant Supt. of Police, has been transferred to the New Territory to take charge of the police in the district is incorrect.

A body which has been picked up off Stonecutters' Island is supposed to be that of a man who was recently reported missing from the tug Atlanta. There was a wound on the shoulder which at first was thought to be a stab, but medical examination proved it to be decomposition.

A Chinese shop-keeper at Yaumati has reported to the police that an overcoat and other property valued at about \$100 has been stolen from a bed in his house. He suspects that the robbery was committed by a visitor who slept at his house and did not stop to bid farewell before he left.

That the Chinese New Year celebrations have been carried out in a very orderly manner was evidenced by the fact that there were only nine prisoners before the Hongkong magistrates to-day. Only two prisoners were arrested in the central district, whilst the only occurrence reported by the police at West Point was the loss of a dog!

By a notice published in the "Government Gazette," H. E. the Governor has suspended the operation of the Boycott Proclamation Ordinance from February 7th. Directions have also been given for the rescission of the proclamation declaring the Colony subject to certain sections of the Peace Preservation Ordinance.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Yokohama Office is in receipt of a wireless message from the R.M.S. "Montague," sent at 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, when the vessel was 1,800 miles distant from Japan, advising all well and that the Commander expects to reach Yokohama at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th instant.

COMPANY MEETING.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

The ordinary annual general meeting of this company was held this morning at the Hongkong Hotel, Mr. Henry Humphreys, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presiding. Other present were Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Dr. J. W. Noble, directors; and Messrs. J. M. E. Machado, W. Rutter, D. E. Clark, J. Tarrant, C. B. Buyers, E. T. Bunge and Capt. J. M. Hay.

The Chairman said:—The net profit for 1912 is greater than any year since 1907 and shows an increase over 1911 of \$39,242.47. Rent account shows an increase of \$17,725.82 and this increase is not only likely to stay but should advance considerably during 1913. The items "pre-loss on sale of properties" and "commission" may be classed as non-recurrent and all our Chinese houses, so far as we know, there is no certainty of making profits under these headings in any one year. Turning to the other side of the profit and loss account you will see that repairs are up—\$4,992.12—Advantage was taken of a fairly good year to thoroughly repair all our Chinese houses. The contract for this alone amounted to \$10,000 of which about \$3,000 will fall on 1913 account. Interest is also up \$1,013.98. Insurance reserve fund has been increased by \$1,636.35. This amount represents \$2,569.53 fire risks underwritten by our company, less \$933.00 paid by us to reinsure No. 73 Kowloon City Road—so underwritten which was partially destroyed by fire on the 20th July last. Last year \$5.00 was withdrawn from this fund with the approval of shareholders and transferred to the credit of profit and loss account. In referring to this transfer at the last annual meeting I said: "As regards the withdrawal from reserve the amount is so small that there will be no difficulty in replacing it this year if things go on as they are going." Four directors think the present a suitable occasion to put back the money so withdrawn and I trust you will sanction the transfer. I have now dealt with all the items in the accounts which appear to me to require any explanation or comment, but perhaps a few words as to future prospects would be welcomed by shareholders. We have nearing completion twelve first class European flats, four detached, two semi-detached, and a block of three European residences with tennis courts. Of the houses five and of the flats four are already let. If they all fall up as I think they will, they will be responsible for an increased rent roll of about \$2250 per month. At the moment we are not embarking on any further extensive building operations. So many houses have been erected during the past year and so many are still in course of construction that it would be well to pause until at least we can judge whether the visible supply exceeds the demand. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions, the motion, seconded by Mr. Machado, was unanimously carried.

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RAMBLING NOTES.

Once again the Chinese New Year festivities have come—and if they have not yet gone, it is to be hoped that they are going—and, for most people, I suppose, they cannot go too quickly.

I admit it—the thunderous noise of the explosives have really got on my nerves, and I feel inclined to consign Chinese holiday-making and particularly their terrible pyrotechnic displays to an element in which they would possibly be more in keeping with the lurid surroundings.

Not only one class, but, apparently, all classes of the Chinese community, seem to find a never-ending source of delight in making as much of a row as possible by means of these diabolical crackers, with their terrific rattle and their vile smell, that it is well for them that they live in a tolerant age among a good-natured community.

I have a vivid recollection of similar ebullitions of uproar that used to be indulged in on the evening of the 24th of May in celebration of the birthday of Queen Victoria of blessed memory; but these anniversary outbursts were tame in comparison with the terrific uproar we have had to endure during the past few days.

Fearful and wonderful indeed must be the minds of the Orientals when such diabolic rioting can be looked upon in the light of pleasure. Why! the other morning I awoke, or rather was awakened, by what appeared to be nothing short of a catastrophe—at least one fairly substantial building seemed to be tottering down in a heap and with a terrific crash; and all that had taken place was one of the ordinary cracker fusillades! I declare it gave me the worse night-mare I have had, or deserved to have, for quite a long time.

In all seriousness, I think the time has surely arrived for our Chinese friends to conclude that their unfortunate European neighbours are really not quite so fond of the infernal noises made by explosives. No doubt, it's a most effective way of removing the evil spirits—that, of course, no-one will doubt for a moment; but my opinion is that if the same row was created, say, fifty years ago, surely no-one can imagine that any self-respecting spirit would again venture within a thousand miles of the place.

Apparently, our Chinese friends believe that "it surely cannot be so," and, therefore, we long-suffering foreigners, while we may find it absolutely impossible to grin, well we'll just have to bear it!

I observe that the London correspondent of the "China Mail" wrote:—Mrs. Mary Gaunt, authoress and traveller, is shortly to undertake a journey into China. The journey was suggested to her by Dr. Morrison, and Mrs. Gaunt will not develop her plans until she reaches Peking. She will be away for one year, and her attendants will probably be an interpreter and a servant. Daughter of a gold commissioner, who later became a judge, Mrs. Gaunt spent her childhood in Ballarat, and her earliest memories relate to the Chinese who were conspicuous commercially in the goldfields. Mrs. Gaunt, however, does not speak Chinese. Her equipment will consist of a medicine chest, a sleeping bag with an eider-down quilt and ground sheet and a mosquito curtain.

Now, I think it's a pity that Mrs. Gaunt had not developed her plans before leaving London, as her little outing promises something interesting—something rather out of the usual.

Mrs. Gaunt's mind for imagination seems to have been stimulated towards taking an interest in China by meeting Chinese in the Australian goldfields in the days of "and lang syne."

So the lady, we are told, is coming to China "for one year" and "her attendants will probably be an interpreter and a servant."

Again I must say that it's a very great pity that Mrs. Mary Gaunt did not develop her plans in London, so that by now we might have heard of them.

The lady evidently means something, for it will be observed that "her equipment will consist of a medicine chest, a sleeping bag with an eider-down quilt and ground sheet with mosquito curtain."

Why the "equipment" speaks volumes is also quite evident. Evidently Mrs. Gaunt is "booked" for the interior, where her eider-down quilt will doubtless be a never-failing source of delight. The "ground sheet," however, seems to indicate that the lady expects to "rough it" a bit. I hope not, besides, I may be quite mistaken as to what a "ground sheet" really is. Still, I hope that Mrs. Gaunt will have a good time on her little jaunt. If she doesn't try too many experiments with the medicine chest, she may do quite a lot of good; and, at the rate, the fact that she had something to do with "goldfields" at one time in her life will doubtless cause her to be a source of much wonder and not a little "expectation" by the Chinese.

RAMBLER.

CURE YOUR COULD NOW.

DO you know that more real danger lurks in a common cold than in any other of the minor ailments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and rid yourself of the cold as quickly as possible. This remedy is for sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

TRAINING NOTES.

This Morning's Form.

OLD POINTS.

The dry north-east wind that has prevailed since yesterday evening has been sufficient to absorb all the moisture in the atmosphere, consequently there was no dew last night, which meant a hard, fast course this morning; the good going being enhanced by the absence of bamboo on the rails. Lachina opened the ball by doing a slow mile, then Durbar Chief came along and did a good gallop over a mile and a half, finishing more in his old form with that long sweeping stride that went so far to make him a Derby favourite last year. Cleric's mile and a quarter was the best performance of the old ponies. He finished very fast in 1.06.1 last half, 30.3 last quarter. Favonius is keeping up his form. His mile and a quarter in 2.53 was the best time over that distance this morning. The Rice Bird covered a mile in 2.14.1, but finished tired and blowing; last quarter 32.1. Mayfair, went a mile and a half, starting very well but could not stay the distance; last half just under 1.11, last quarter 35. Capello is still going, short. He was sent a slow mile. Sandringham was taken easily over a mile and a quarter, but put in a nice finish, 1.07.1 last half, 31.4 last quarter. White Hawthorn was sent a easy mile and three-quarters, and finished in improved style. Daisy after a slow mile finished very tired. Head or Tail put in a strong finish; he has still some fat to take off. Perpetual Motion, looking quite sound again, was taken slowly over a mile. Barford "cut it out" over a mile, 2.17, but took 33.4 for last quarter. Demure, after a mile and a half, was going very short; 3.40, 35.2. Royal Rose went a very consistent mile and three-quarters, 36.30, 34, 35.3, 33, 34, 32, in very good style. He can still show the younger ones the proper way to gallop.

GRIFFINS.

The first Derby pony "clocked" this morning was Ben Wyrill II. His last mile of a mile and a half was timed as 2.15, last quarter 31. He has a very strong finish. Sir Bedivere came out soon after, and in easy style negotiated a mile and a quarter in 2.54. Fijian Chief's effort was hardly more than a canter. He went easy all the way, 35, 35.2, 37, 35.1, 32.1, only quickening slightly coming down the straight. Bengaim did good time over a mile and a half, 2.34.3, but finished very badly. Sweet William's performance was not good either. And Sir Beaumaris showed he cannot stay the distance, having no finish at all. Sweet Rocket put up a good gallop, finishing very strong. Jambo's mile and a half in 3.36, last mile 2.15.2, last half 1.05.1, last quarter 32, was probably the best performance of the griffins. He went in good style and finished well, the boy only starting to "ride" a few yards from the winning post. Sweet Sultan went a mile and three-quarters, slow with a very poor finish. Sunlight did a nice gallop, and from start to finish looked as if he could have improved the time if called upon at any stage of the race. Sweet Pea went slow and finished poorly. Sweet Pea was taken over a slow mile but finished strong.

SEA GRIFINS.

The "star" performance of the Subs. this morning was Donald Dhu's mile and a quarter. He is the best Sub. on the course, and if he keeps fit should give a good account of himself when the time comes. Midas went better to-day, 2.19.3 for a mile, but took 34.3 for the last quarter. Ben Trovato finished very tired. Gaylag went in good style and finished well, while Cadzow's Redoubt finished badly. Violini's finish was very bad, 37. Pyramids did fair time again, and again finished poorly, but his whole performance was an improvement. Snowdrop cannot stay a mile and a quarter, or so it looked this morning; slow finish 1.11.2, 34.4. The Burgle only cantered three-quarters. Primrose and Larkspur cut a mile in 2.19, last quarter in 33, in quite creditable style. Glad Eye went well but was not ridden out.

JOCKEYS.

I hear most of the Shanghai Jockeys will leave there by the next homeward German Mail, arriving here on Wednesday, 19th.

CHING.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 25 amounted to 41,321.08 tons and the sales during the period to 33,717.74 tons.

China and Japan together send more students to the United States than the entire Continent of Europe. China sending 549 and Japan 415, while 251 come from the United Kingdom, 143 from Germany, 120 from Russia and Finland, 96 from Turkey in Europe and 313 from the rest of Europe.

At a meeting of the Singapore Volunteer Engineers, Capt. Thompson mentioned a proposed annual shooting match between the public officers of Hongkong, Shanghai, Wai-hai-wei, Singapore and Peking, and it was resolved that in the meantime the club would proceed with the arrangements.

SAFE COUGH MEDICINE.

MOTHERS everywhere object to giving their children medicines that contain opiates and for this reason Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has become a general favorite. This remedy contains absolutely nothing injurious and for the prompt relief of coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, it has no equal. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:

His Honour Mr. Henry Hensy Johnston Comports to act as Chief Justice during the absence on leave of His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, Esq., or until further notice.

Captain Claude Gregory Woodhouse, 120th Baluchistan Infantry, seconded from the Indian Army, to be Assistant Superintendent of Police for the New Territories, with effect from the 1st instant, until further notice.

Captain Edward Michael Conolly, Royal Horse Artillery (T.), to be his Aide-de-Camp, vice Captain the Honourable FitzRoy Richard Somerset, Grenadier Guards, with effect from the 5th instant.

OPIUM-SMOKING IN HUNAN.

(From a Correspondent.)

According to a report before us, the laws respecting opium-smoking at present in vogue in the province of Hunan are exceedingly severe. They came into force at the beginning of the tenth month of last year. In a word, the punishment for an opium-smoker, who cannot prove himself to be on the "black list," that is recognised by the officials as the victim of the opium craving, and yet is convicted of smoking the drug, is death. He is shot as a common criminal, put to death under military law. The report states that since the promulgation of the new regulations, more than twenty men and women have thus been executed. In the big towns, those who are on the "black list" are compelled to live together in a part of the town, marked off for their reception; they are thus regarded as if they were lepers, that is, they are regarded as mere pests of society. The special occasion that has called forth the present report is the arrest of a woman, about fifty years of age, who has been arrested because she sold opium, surreptitiously. It seems that she was arrested some time ago, and was threatened with death then. But some sympathizers came forward, and appealed for mercy; a fine was indicted instead. But the temptation was too powerful to be resisted, and so she again fell back into her old ways of making money, and was again discovered selling the drug. At the examination she confessed to the justness of the charge, and announced that she bought the drug at Hankow, though in what way it was conveyed to the interior of the province does not appear. This time she will not escape. She has been sentenced to be shot, and the sentence will be carried out on the ninth of the present month. It is stated that the woman is altogether callous, and quite indifferent as to what the police will do with her; there seems no hope that any reprieve will be forthcoming. Such reports as these must make it extremely difficult for the British Minister at Peking to insist upon the recognition of opium treaties between the Chinese and the British Governments. At least such would be the opinion of the man in the street. We do not profess to understand all that is involved, but we do see clearly enough that the matter is very complicated. If the Chinese Republican Government is so convinced that opium is deleterious to the welfare of its people, that it is prepared to go to the lengths here reported, and shoot down, one after another, its own citizens, who will not or cannot relinquish the use of the drug, it seems to us terribly illogical that at the same time it should be compelled to receive within its borders the very drug that makes it possible for this terrible condition of affairs to obtain. We are not touching here upon the rights of treaties; we do not know how far the Chinese are exerting themselves to uphold the growth of the poppy within its own borders; we are simply stating what appears to us to be a singularly illogical situation, that, because of treaties, the Chinese should be compelled to admit the very drug, that they next proceed to condemn in terms so emphatic as are shown in this report. The recent findings of the court of law in Shanghai, when the opium merchant brought a charge against a newspaper for libel, because of the nature of its criticisms upon the motive of the merchants in bringing opium into China, seems to show that little sympathy is felt towards the trade by the modern thoughtful mind. It is well known that the trade is looked at askance by all civilized nations. Such doings as those reported in Hunan will rouse the consciences of the civilized nations yet more effectively, and make it more difficult than before to get public opinion to support the trade in any of its forms. We think that, treaty or no treaty, the time has come for the Indian Government to wipe its hands of the trade once for all, and have nothing more to do with it. Count it contraband, and have done with it, lock stock and barrel. If sellers like to import it into China, let them do it at their own risk, and we think that there would soon be an end of the drug altogether. Whether the Chinese are able to repel its people to stop the cultivation of the poppy in all places throughout its dominions is a matter that can only be proved by time; in any case it need not concern the Indian Government at all. This is a question for the Chinese Government to settle. It is certain that the Indian Government should not be depending for its revenue upon such a source; it seems to me that no Minister should be compelled to negotiate with the Chinese Government in regard to such a commodity, and by yin, by diplomatic means to induce the Chinese to allow its importation, when he reads the papers that the Chinese are shooting down as common criminals, those who make the drug; when not even women are exempt. Surely this time has come to clear the air in this matter, and there is only one way of doing this, it seems to me, which is to have done with the trade officially altogether.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

TURCO-BALKAN WAR.

SEVERE FIGHTING.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

A message from Constantinople states that all-day long firing has been heard in the direction of Derkosa at the northern end of Chataldja. It is officially announced that the Turks occupied Kallikratia and other villages and heights on the Turkish right. The reconnoiters are in contact with the enemy.

NEUTRAL ZONE REFUSED.

A Sofia telegram states that the Foreign Minister has communicated to the General Guechoff the request of the Consuls at Adrianople for the establishment of a neutral zone or permission for themselves and foreigners to leave. General Guechoff has refused, pointing out that there were no precedents for such a course. Besides, it would be embarrassing to the military authorities.

SHEFKET PASHA.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople wires that Shefket Pasha has proceeded to Chataldja as Commander-in-chief.

TROOPS FROM ASIA MINOR.

A telegram from Constantinople states that a considerable force is being collected in Asia Minor, over whom it is proposed to place Ender Bey. He purposes effecting a landing near Rodosto or Media to threaten the Bulgarian flank or rear. Apparently anticipating this, the Bulgarians retired from Chataldja to near Chorchu.

Officials reports of the fighting at Gallipoli make it clear that a reverse was sustained by the Turks, although details are lacking. The engagement was probably not serious, because outside Bulair Lines, where the principal forces are still concentrated.

FANATIC OUTBREAK FEARED.

The fresh troops stood the baptism of fire badly, and it is feared that the Turkish in seeking to stir more enthusiasm are more likely to cause dangerous fanaticism.

There is considerable disquietude in diplomatic circles and foreign warships are returning.

It is believed that Adrianople will hold out for weeks, as the horse and dog flesh has not yet been touched. It is felt, however, that with the fall of Adrianople, the Porte will place itself unreservedly in the hands of the Powers.

ROUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

A telegram from Bucharest states that the Roumanian Minister at Sofia has been instructed to resume negotiations regarding the frontier question, and also to urge Bulgaria as to the necessity for a speedy settlement.

ENTHUSIASTIC MALISSORI.

A telegram from Cetinje states that King Nicholas was received by the Malissori tribe at Grudin. The proceedings were enthusiastic, and three thousand Malissori joined the Montenegrins outside Skutari.

GREEK PREMIER'S PREDICTIONS.

A telegram from Salonika states that M. Venizelos, the Greek Premier, has arrived there and was welcomed by the authorities and a crowd of thirty thousand people. In a speech the Premier predicted that the war would speedily terminate in the defeat of the Turks and would be succeeded by a lasting peace.

NO ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.

A telegram from Sofia states that it is semi-officially denied that Serbian reinforcements are being sent to Thrace, it being stated that the Bulgarians do not require any assistance there.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN BREWER.

LONDON, Feb. 7.
Mr. R. F. Batcliff, Unionist M.P., for Burton Division, has died intestate, leaving £260,000. The deceased was a director of Messrs Bass, Ratcliff and Gretton, brewers.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MR. ALFRED LITTLETON.

LONDON, Feb. 8.
Mr. Alfred Littleton starts on Monday for British East Africa.

THE MARCONI CONTRACT.

A STRANGE SITUATION.

LONDON, Feb. 8.
A telegram from the Marconi Company informs the Secretary to the Post Office that they have obtained legal opinion to the effect that the Company is entitled to intimate that unless Mr. Herbert Samuel, the Postmaster-General, is able definitely to confirm the contract by March 1st, the Company will treat the contract as ended.

SUFFRAGETTES' APPEAL.

LONDON, Feb. 8.
The Suffragettes are appealing to the London Sessions against their sentences of five to three months imprisonment in the Second Division.

SCOTTISH TEMPERANCE BILL.

"DISINTERESTED MANAGEMENT" PUBLIC HOUSES.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The House of Commons has rejected most of the Lords' amendments to the Scottish Temperance Bill. The Scottish Liberals supported an amendment giving communities the option of running public houses under disinterested management and demanded the adjournment of the House. Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. McKinnon Wood opposed this, pointing out the danger of the Bill being lost. The revolvers then subsided.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

NEW ZEALAND AND MOTHER COUNTRY.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Mr. Allen, the New Zealand Minister for Defence, was present at a protracted meeting of the Committee on Imperial Defence on Wednesday.

Mr. Allen, speaking at a Navy League luncheon given to Sir Joseph Ward, said the ship *New Zealand* was just leaving Britain, but that did not represent all that New Zealand was prepared to do.

The correspondence between Mr. Allen and Mr. Harcourt has been published. The former wrote on February 3 that if there were any reason to postpone the departure of the cruiser, the Government of New Zealand would readily defer the pleasure of seeing her, till a more suitable time. Mr. Harcourt replied that the Cabinet was much gratified with the offer, but happily there were no strategic or political necessities for the postponement of the departure of the vessel.

BRITISH-AND GERMAN NAVIES.

GERMANY ACCEPTS MR. CHURCHILL'S STANDARD.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Admiral Von Tirpitz, Secretary of State for the Navy, speaking in the German Reichstag recalled that Mr. Churchill declared that a proportion of ten to sixteen between the German and British fleets would be acceptable for the next few years. Admiral Tirpitz affirmed that as head of the German Naval department he also would raise no objection to this standard.

Herr Jagow, Minister for Foreign Affairs, in his first speech in the Reichstag, emphasised the friendly relations existing between Germany and Foreign countries, especially Great Britain, and confirmed Admiral Tirpitz's statement.

BRITISH TRADE IN JANUARY.

SATISFACTORY INCREASES.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The January imports show an increase of £4,278,511 and the exports of £5,029,827. The chief increase in the imports was in cotton, which rose by £1,745,837. Extra cotton goods to the value of £1,335,423 and coal valued at £900,000 chiefly account for the expansion of the export trade.

THE GERMAN ARMY.

A NINETY THOUSAND INCREASE.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent telegraphs that it is stated by the *Tagliche Rundschau* that the new Army Bill will add 90,000 men to the peace strength of the German Army.

HON. MR. OSBORNE'S RETIREMENT.

Thirty Years in Hongkong.

Farewell Presentations.

The Hon. Mr. Edward Osborne, who is leaving the Colony to-day after a residence of nearly thirty-one years to live in retirement in England, was the recipient yesterday afternoon of a number of valuable parting gifts from the staff of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company and the Star Ferry Company.

Born in 1801, Mr. Osborne studied for the law but left the Durham firm at solicitors whose office he entered to accept a position in the head office of the P. and O. Company. His long connection with Hongkong commenced in 1822, in which year he was transferred to the P. and O. Company's local office. After spending seven years there he entered the service of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company in the position of secretary, which office he has since continuously held. The early days of Mr. Osborne's connection with the Wharf Company were times of trial and difficulty. Great opposition was experienced from the powerful Chinese guilds, and to pilot the concern through all the obstacles which were placed in its way required a great deal of business ability. It is largely owing to Mr. Osborne's display of these qualities in such large measure that the company is so large and prosperous to-day. Many other business enterprises in Hongkong owe a great deal to Mr. Osborne's assistance. At a time when the Hongkong Hotel Company was at very low ebb he was largely instrumental in bringing about changes which put it upon a dividend paying basis, and he was one of the founders of the Star Ferry Company, of which he acted as secretary. In addition he served in the directorate of the Dairy Farm Company, Steam Laundry Company, the Green Island Cement Company, and several other local concerns. In the midst of all his business activities Mr. Osborne always found time to devote to the public service in the Colony. He had a seat on the Sanitary Board for several years, and since 1906 has been a member of the Legislative Council. In both capacities he rendered excellent service, and his contributions to debate were always forceful and excellently expressed.

In his spare time Mr. Osborne was a great walker and the knowledge of the New Territories, acquired during his week-end expeditions there, proved of great assistance to the Council in the development of this part of the Colony. Mr. Osborne is settling at Hythe, Kent, where Mrs. Osborne and her family have resided since they left Hongkong. He is travelling via Peking and Siberia and leaves to-day with Mr. Bryer, who is making the journey with him.

Mr. Osborne was the recipient yesterday of some handsome presents from the European and Chinese staffs of the Wharf and Godown Company and the Star Ferry Company, the presentations being made in the presence of a large and representative gathering in the company's office on the wharf side. The gift of the European staff of the Wharf Company consisted of a handsome blackwood table, trays and a photograph of the staff, which was inscribed, "Presented to the Hon. Mr. Edward Osborne on his retirement by the European staff of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, as a token of their esteem and regard." From the junior office staff Mr. Osborne received a panoramic view of Hongkong, a blackwood table, two blackwood chairs and some beautifully embroidered cushion covers. These gifts were accompanied by a suitable inscription. Two handsome Chinese vases and two jardinières were the gifts from the Star Ferry staff, and the Chinese staff of the Wharf and Godown Company subscribed for a magnificent silver bowl and some ivory, while the lightermen, launchmen, boatswains and head coolies gave a beautiful hand-embroidered silk hanging emblematic of longevity, the lettering in Chinese being, "Blessing is as vast as the Eastern Seas," and "Longevity is as everlasting as the Southern Mountains."

When Mr. Osborne arrived at half past five, Mr. W. S. Brown read the following address:—We have asked you to meet us here to-day on the eve of your departure for England in order that we may convey to you our sincere appreciation of all that you have done for us while we have had the privilege of working under you. We ask you to believe that this is no empty expression but the heartfelt sentiment of men who have been proud to serve under you and who have felt and known that behind the "chief" there has always been the sympathy of a true friend—for deep down in the hearts of a large number of us there is the memory of many a kindness, useful advice, and help given at times when such were most necessary. As regards the exceptional business ability and foresight shown by you in steering the Wharf Company from the low ebb of its affairs when you were first appointed Secretary to its present day prosperity, of your untiring energy in the face of the many obstacles that have had to be overcome, it is, perhaps, not our place to comment upon. Suffice it to say that on looking back on your life's work in this Colony you cannot but congratulate yourself on the success that has attended your efforts. I ask you, Sir, to accept as tokens of the high esteem in which we have always held you this table, trays and photo from the European staff, and these two chairs, cushion covers, and photo from the Junior Office staff, and this table, and flower stands and vases from the employees of the Ferry Company. We wish you a pleasant voyage home and

hope that you may long be spared to enjoy your well-earned rest in the "old country." (Applause.)
Mr. Wong Kam Fuk, comprador to the Wharf and Godown Company, then presented the gifts subscribed for by the staff of his office. He said: Sir,—On behalf of the Chinese staff in the comprador department of this company I have the honour to-day of presenting a few articles for your acceptance. We must ask you not to judge them by their value but by the feeling which accompanies them. We ask you to accept them as tokens of our great regard and admiration for you, Sir, in your retirement we feel we are losing a kind and just master, and your sterling qualities are so well-known that it is unnecessary for me to say anything further after Mr. Brown's speech. I can assure you that we shall miss you very much. These articles are specimens of Chinese art and manufacture. You, Sir, have spent many strenuous years in this part of the world, and we hope that these articles will serve in a small way to remind you of our affection when you are far away from us. The piece of embroidery with the names of all subscribers on it is not yet finished but will be forwarded to you as soon as it is ready. I have now the pleasure to hand you for acceptance these articles and with them I beg on behalf of the presenters to heartily wish you bon voyage and a happy and long life in England.

Captain Unsworth, in presenting gifts subscribed for by the Praya staff, said: Sir,—On behalf of the Praya staff, I beg to present our individual regret on the severance of your association with the Wharf and Godown Company, and we ask you to accept the accompanying small token of esteem from us. We wish to take this last opportunity of thanking you for the many favours you have conferred upon us, and hope you will safely reach home, and that you will long enjoy the well-earned rest you so well deserve.

Mr. Osborne, whose words were translated by Mr. Wong for the benefit of the Chinese subscribers present, replied as follows: Mr. Brown, Mr. Wong Kam Fuk, Captain Unsworth and gentlemen, I have not prepared a speech, because this is one of those rare occasions in a man's life when whatever words he says should come spontaneously from the depth of his heart. I thank you most sincerely for these beautiful gifts, which will always remain to me an emblem of the many strenuous, hard, but still happy, days I have spent amongst you. There is only one regret to find with these gifts, and that is that I shall have to build a house to hold them. (Laughter.) You have kindly referred to my work with the Wharf Company, and you have said what sometimes people have said to me, that I have been to a large extent the making of the Wharf Company. But that is not so. The Wharf Company through all the strenuous years it has passed, the vicissitudes, the changes, and losses, has been made by the united efforts of every one of you, especially those of you who have worked so long with me, and more especially those who worked so well while I was sick in bed after the typhoid of 1906. I can assure you that after that typhoid my recovery was retarded because of the anxiety I felt, but when I came back and found how well every man had worked, my heart was too full for thanks. It was you who saved the Wharf Company after that terrible blow. These words are now addressed specially to those of the European staff, and more especially the outdoor staff, who through thick and thin, and through evil times, worked as hard as any man could possibly work. I cannot tell you how much I have appreciated your help on those occasions. I am speaking now to Mr. Wong Kam Fuk, who has been with the Company longer than I have. Mr. Wong Kam Fuk is what is called in my country one of nature's gentlemen. I cannot conceive that any higher compliment can be paid to any man than to be called a gentleman of nature. He has worked hard. He has worked for me, he has argued with me, and he has generally turned me inside out, but all the time he has worked for the good of the Wharf Company. I cannot say how much we are indebted to him for the smooth working of the Wharf Company, especially during the past six years, and we should not have arrived at our present condition if it had not been for the harmonious working of every man in the Company. I thank you all very much for the kind way in which you accepted my decision, even when it has been against yourselves. That is the true way to success. I hope you will always continue to give the same measure of support to Mr. Brown as you have given me. This concern is worked by men of various parts of the world, Europe, India and China, and I think that is an object lesson, showing how good results can be obtained by mutual association, and by mutual respect, one for the other. It has ever been my aim to do the best I can not only for the shareholders but for the employees. I am very sorry indeed that we have had misfortunes, but I could not do more. I think, however, that our misfortunes are past, and I think from now onwards you will have prosperous times. I thank you very much for these kind gifts, which will always remind me in England of the days in Kowloon, and when in the summer in England, which is not like your summer here, I shall look upon these gifts and sit in these chairs in comfort, I shall think of you sweetening in the heat of Kowloon. (Applause.)

Mr. Wong suitably acknowledged Mr. Osborne's kind references to him and his work.

This concluded the indoor ceremony. Mr. Osborne was given a characteristic Chinese send-off from Kowloon, which he left for Hongkong on a Star Ferry boat. At the entrance to the

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Manila, Mangarin, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m.

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Accelerated Train Service from Trieste to Paris, London and Berlin.

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+ HAICHONG... Capt. W. O. Passmore... SUNDAY, 9th Feb., at Daylight.

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FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

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The above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful

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STRAITS.

THE Steamship

BENVENUE

Consignees of cargo are hereby informed

that all goods are being landed at their risk

into the basements and/or extra: man-

dous Godowns of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Limited,

Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves

delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Goods remaining undelivered after the

15th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be

presented to the Underwriter on or before

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ROSS'S

Royal Belfast

Ginger Ale

Price per Barrel of 10 doz. \$30.00

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Price per case of 5 doz. - \$16.00

We have been appointed Sole Agents in South China for the above and would appreciate enquiries.

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HONGKONG, CANTON.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

January 7, *Mendocino*, Nila.
January 10, *Bendowin*, Estonia.
January 14, *Australien*, Liberia.
January 14, *Prism*, Sweden.
January 17, *Amulius*, Austria, *Erroll*, Siberia, *Yangtze*.
January 21, *Si-yasaki Maru*, Myrmidon.
January 24, *Mayana*, Peruvia, *Stictia*, *Glenferry*, Nankin.
January 28, *Benader*, *Calchas*, *Indasampa*, *Febu*, *P. E. Friedrich*, *Welsh Prince*, *Alema*, *Annam*.
January 31, *Dembighshire*, *Kilano Maru*, *Tera*, *Ningehon*, *Sachsen*, *Egyptmont Castle*, *February 4*, *Idoneneus*, *Laertes*, *Ellice*.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Mail.
The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Paul Leut*, with the French Mail, is expected to arrive here on Monday, the 10th February.
The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Montezuma* left Vancouver, B.C., for Hongkong (via usual Port of Call) on Monday, the 27th January, a.m.
The P. M. S. Co.'s s.s. *Monopolia* arrived at San Francisco on Tuesday, the 4th February.

Other Vessels.

The Shiro Line, Ltd.'s *Den of Crombie* from London, left Singapore for Hongkong on the 1st February, due Hongkong on the 8th February.
The I. O. S. N. Co., Ltd.'s *Kwongkong* left Shanghai for Hongkong on the 4th February, due Hongkong on the 8th February.
The French s.s. *Phuyen* left Saigon on the 4th February for this port, and is due to arrive here on or about the 8th Feb.
The Mogul Line s.s. *Adoll* sailed from Singapore for Hongkong on the 1st Feb., and is due here on or about Saturday next, the 8th February.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Namur* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd February, at 9 p.m., and is due here on the 9th February, at about 6 a.m.

The R. V. F. s.s. *Kastoria* sailed from the 10th February, and is expected to arrive in Hongkong on the 10th February.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Thonges* from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 5th February, and may be expected here on or about the 11th February, a.m.

The H. A. L. s.s. *Sueria* left Singapore on the 5th February, a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 12th February, a.m.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *A. Ayr* from Shanghai and Kobe, left Moji on the morning of 5th February, and may be expected here on or about the 10th February, a.m.

The K. V. A. s.s. *Yaroslav* sailed from Colombo on the 28th January, and is expected to arrive in Hongkong on the 11th February.

The B. I. S. N. Co., Ltd.'s s.s. *Quilca* left Singapore for Hongkong on the 4th February, due Hongkong on the 12th February.

The A. & A. s.s. *Alenham* from Sydney, will arrive at Manila on 6th Feb.

The T. K. K. s.s. *Bayo Maru* left Calcutta for Salina Cruz on the 14th January, and is expected to arrive in Hongkong on the 20th March.

The A. & A. s.s. *Swamp* from Sydney, will leave for this port (via Timor, and Manila).

The Mogul Line s.s. *Chace* sailed from the United Kingdom on the 28th January for the Far East, via the Straits.

Latest Advice.

The P. M. S. Co.'s s.s. *Siberia* will sail from Manila for this port on Saturday, the 8th February, between 2 and 4 p.m., and will be due in Hongkong on Monday, the 10th February, at 9 a.m.

The P. M. S. Co.'s s.s. *China* with the American Mail, sailed from Yokohama for this port, via Kobe, Nagasaki, and Manila on Friday, the 7th February, between 10 a.m. and noon.

The Y. Y. K. s.s. *Kumano Maru* (Australasian Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 7th February, and is expected here on the 10th February.

The Y. Y. K. s.s. *Kaga Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 7th February, and is expected here on the 10th February.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Nikko Maru* (Australasian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 8th February, and is expected here on the 10th February.

The Y. Y. K. s.s. *Goldenfield* left Shanghai on the 8th February, at noon, and may be expected here on or about the 11th February.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Miyazaki Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 10th February, and is expected here on the 10th February.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Tosa Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Moji for this port on the 4th February, and is expected here on the 9th February.

CANALINGS.

February 7, *Kerman*, *Nyanza*, *Pelous*, *Demodocus*, *Sumatra*.

ARRIVALS FROM CHINA.

February 7, *Kama Maru*, *Kleid*, *Nippon*.

'THE CHINA MAIL'

NOTICE.

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All matter for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

No anonymously signed communication that has already appeared in any other paper will be inserted.

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Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 should be sent to the Office, No. 5, Wyndham Street, not later than 11.30 a.m.

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New Advertisements should be sent in before 5 p.m.

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Telephone No. 22.

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To-day's Advertisements

THE NEW TERRITORIES (HONGKONG) TIN DREDGING CO., LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance 1911.)

CAPITAL, ... \$750,000
Divided into 75,000 Ordinary Shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares, 50,000 ordinary shares are to be issued and credited as paid up, and as below mentioned the remaining 25,000 ordinary shares are offered for public subscription payable as follows:—

PRESENT ISSUE.—There are offered for subscription 25,000 Ordinary Shares at par payable as follows:—

\$2.50 per share on application.
\$2.50 per share on allotment.
\$5.00 within 3 months of the registration of the Company.

APPLICATIONS.—Have already been received for 7,500 Shares, part of this present issue and are already guaranteed.

DIRECTORS.

F. D. BARRETTO, Esq., of No. 3 Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong; Merchant, Messrs. Barretto and Co.

DR. E. EVAN-JONES, of No. 18 Bank Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong; Dental Surgeon.

J. E. JOSEPH, Esq., of Prince's Building, Victoria, Hongkong; Bill and Exchange Broker.

W. LOGAN, Esq., of No. 4 Ice House Street, Victoria, Hongkong; Share and General Broker.

G. A. TIDBALL, Esq., of Prince's Building, Manager of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, Hongkong.

BANKERS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SOLICITOR.

MR. M. J. D. STEPHENS.

AUDITORS.

MESSRS. LOWE, BINGHAM AND MATTHEWS.

GENERAL MANAGERS.

MESSRS. BARRETTO AND CO.

ADVISING ENGINEER.

MR. G. LANZIUS.

REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY:

3, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, HONGKONG.

PROSPECTUS.

This Company has been formed for the purposes mentioned in its Memorandum of Association and primarily for the purpose of acquiring from Mr. F. D. Barretto, whose address is given above, the Vendor to the Company, of 640 acres of Mining Land, in the New Territories, to be comprised in a Mining Lease to be granted by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, which 640 acres is at present included in a Mining Licence granted by His Excellency the Governor-in-Council to Mr. F. D. Barretto and dated the 14th of November 1912.

PROSPECTUS.—This property to be transferred by Mr. F. D. Barretto to the Company will be the Mining Lease when granted containing an area of 640 acres in one block and will be for a term not exceeding 75 years and the lease will be applied for immediately on the formation of the Company.

The business will be taken over by the Company as a going concern as from the day of registration of the Company, and the Company will have the benefit of all profits realized from that date.

TRANSPORT.—Transport is very reasonable as will be seen from the report made by Mr. G. Lanzius, an estimate of the cost of transporting Ore from the Mine to Hongkong being \$10 per ton.

REPORTS.—Reports have been made by the property by Mr. G. Lanzius, who has been prospecting the property for the past three months, and the results of these reports are circulated herewith, and the originals may be inspected at the Office of the Company's Solicitor at any time during office hours up to the closing of the Application List. In his report Mr. G. Lanzius states that he has practically inspected the 640 acres to be acquired, and has obtained an average value of 3 lbs. of Tin Oxide per cubic yard from the pits inspected. He draws attention to the fact that the Tin Ore is fairly evenly distributed throughout the area, and that the proportion is essentially a dredging proposition, and should be worked very cheaply, the ground being mostly free wash with small boulders.

PLANT.—In regard to Plant, Estimates have been prepared by Mr. G. Lanzius, the cost of Dredges, Smelters, Tin Stoves, etc., being placed at \$180,000.

CAPITAL.—This issue provides for the sum of \$250,000, and after allowing for cost of plant, etc., as above, it is proposed to devote the sum of \$70,000 for working.

PURCHASE CONSIDERATION.—The purchase price of the property has been fixed at \$500,000 payable entirely in Shares to Mr. F. D. Barretto or his Nominees, who will undertake in writing with the Company not to sell such shares on allotment for a period of two years from the date of registration of the Company under the sum of fifteen dollars per share.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION.—The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is 10,000 shares to be issued as wholly payable in cash, or payable as above \$2.50 on application \$2.50 on allotment and the balance of \$5 within 3 months of the registration of the Company.

RENT AND ROYALTY.—The Crown Rent payable in respect of the 640 acres is fixed at \$2 per acre per annum. Royalty will not exceed 5 per cent and is payable to the Government of Hongkong in respect of all Ore won so won charged very favourably with the duty imposed by the Government of the Federated Malay States.

DEPRECIATION.—Provision is made for a depreciation on Plant of 10 per cent yearly.

PRELIMINARY EXPENSES.—The Company to pay the preliminary expenses of the formation and floating of the Company, down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$2,000.

QUALIFICATION AND REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND GENERAL MANAGERS.—The following are the provisions contained in the Articles of Association as to the qualification and remuneration of Directors and General Managers:—No person shall be eligible for the office of Director unless he be a shareholder holding at least one share in the Company.

The Directors shall be paid out of the funds of the Company by way of remuneration for their services, such remuneration to be determined by the General Meeting, and the same shall unless otherwise determined by the Meeting be divided amongst them in such proportions and manner as the Directors immediately concerned by Agreement may determine, and in default of such determination equally.

The firm of Barretto & Co. of Hongkong their nominees or successors in business so long as they or any one of the partners of the firm jointly or severally shall hold in their or his own right not less than one thousand shares of the Company shall be eligible to act as to be the General Managers of the Company and their allowance shall consist of a sum of one thousand dollars per month for defraying the office expenses of the registered Head Office of the Company at Hongkong.

AGREEMENT.—In addition to the Lease to be granted the following agreement has been entered into in connection with the Company.

1.—An Agreement dated the 30th day of January 1913 made between Mr. F. D. Barretto of the one part and the Company of the other part being an Agreement for the transfer or assignment of the lease to the Company.

The Directors of the Company are not aware of any contracts other than the Agreement referred to.

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Office and Administration Expenses 12,000

Directors' fees say ... 3,000

Royalty say 5% on \$360,000 ... 18,000

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\$113,000

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Hongkong, 22nd Nov. 1912.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with my agreement with you I now beg to submit my report on part of the Tin Mining Concession you hold in the New Territories to the Government of Hongkong. I also attach a sketch map to this report.

As a lease consists of one square mile or 640 acres, I have confined my examination to this area.

LOCATION.—The property is situated in the New Territories behind the Kowloon Peninsula in the district of Unlong, and distant about 11 hours by steam launch from the City of Victoria and a walk of about 2 hours from the landing place brings one to our present headquarters. The property can be reached by using the Kowloon Railway to Tai Po or Fan Ling and thence by foot or on horseback. There is also another route by steam launch by way of Deep Bay, the mouth of the river near Unlong being about 2 miles from the works.

AREA.—As stated above I have confined myself to the examination of one mining lease or 640 acres.

TITLE.—This is granted by the Government of Hongkong, being situated in British Territory. The lease is for 75 years for such longer term as the Secretary of State may determine. The Royalty fixed by Ordinance not to exceed 5 per cent of the estimated value of the metal at the Mines when ready for exportation or for smelting or refining.

LABOUR.—Is both cheap and plentiful and the source of supply being close at hand, there is no fear of any scarcity, as is witnessed by the case with many similar enterprises elsewhere.

TRANSPORT.—The situation of the property being so near to Hongkong, I can confidently say that the cost of the carriage of the extracted metal to steamer in the harbour should not exceed \$10 per ton. I have been building a branch line of the Kowloon Canton Railway at Fan Ling

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